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## Laughlin focuses on ‘substantive solutions’ to education

By Master Sgt. Lee Roberts  
Special to 47th FTW Public Affairs

The wing commander made it very clear to parents during a town hall meeting Tuesday that he intends to focus on “substantive solutions” to the numerous educational problems facing Laughlin families within the Del Rio School District.

“I want to focus on education. I owe you that,” said Col. Dan Woodward, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, to parents assembled at the base theater. “So what you are going to get is an aggressive effort. You will get a response. I will tell you where we stand. You will get the truth every single time,” he stressed.

More than 50 people paid attention to Colonel Woodward as he provided basic facts about the Del Rio School District, highlighted problem solving strategies,

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Yvonne Clark

**Chief Master Sgt. Dick Paschen, Air Education and Training Command Fuels chief, gets an up-close look of the base’s feuling capabilities during a site survey of the fuels facilities Aug. 3.**

## Base fuels energy team with facts

By Airman 1st Class Yvonne Clark  
Staff Writer

Department of Energy and Headquarters Air Education and Training Command officials recently visited Laughlin’s fuels facilities on a fact-finding mission. Base officials had no problem fueling them with the facts.

Paul Kintz and the AETC members visited Laughlin to determine funding requirements to support the fuels mission here, said Master Sgt. Thomas Busch, Fuels Management Flight superintendent.

“Without the appropriate fuels resources, the aircraft wouldn’t get off the ground and the mission wouldn’t be accomplished,” said Sergeant Busch. “So, it’s a real important thing when these people come out and see what’s going on here.”

Mr. Kintz was accompanied by Chief Master Sgt. Dick Paschen, AETC command fuels chief, and Suzanne Bilbrey, AETC civil engineer. They came to Laughlin to discuss current projects and future projects that will enhance

Laughlin fuel support.

“It was kind of a three-fold deal,” said Sergeant Busch. “The visit was to see what the money went to, what the money is going to and what future monies are going to be spent on.”

Some of the projects here include replacement of a semi-hard fuel hosecart system, which did not meet fuels requirements. The hosecart system was replaced with a hard-piping fill stand system, upgraded fuel off-loading area and a secondary containment system, which protects the environment and meets all requirements. The semi-hard fuel hosecarts were being used as a temporary measure to fill fuel trucks. “Although the host carts were being used temporarily, they were left in place for eight years,” said Sergeant Busch. “The new system was just completed, so he was able to come out and see how the modern fuel stands have helped meet mission needs. It’s important for him to actually see where the money is going and the finished product because the minute we have a fu-

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## Mission status

(As of Aug. 7)

Airframe	Days Behind or Ahead	Mission Capable Rate
T-37	2.40	89.7%
T-1	1.30	75.1%
T-38	-0.03	69.9%
T-6	-0.70	86.1%

# Air Force family values are worth sharing



## Commander's Corner

By Lt. Col. David Abercrombie  
47th Security Forces Squadron commander

I'm somewhat embarrassed to admit that I cannot name all of the Air Force families that have extended the hand of friendship to me at one time or another during my 20-plus years of service. My embarrassment is only mitigated by the pride of knowing that there are so many of us in this big Air Force family that it is hard to keep track—and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Since the beginning of my career as a young Air Force cadet, thousand of miles away from home for the first time, I have enjoyed what seemed to me such a strange custom. People, who did not know me at all, welcomed me into their homes and invited me to share such special holidays as Thanksgiving and Christmas with their families. Prior to entering the Air Force I had only known these holidays to be shared with close relatives. It seemed so odd to me that people would even allow, let alone desire to have, a total stranger share that sacred

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time with them.

Soon I learned that I was not a total stranger to these people. They saw me as a son, a brother, a family member. They knew what I had yet to learn—the Air Force is a family. At the time I had no concept of how many more holidays—or ordinary days—that I would inevitably spend away from my loved ones. The people who were mentoring me knew how important it would be to me in those trying years as I considered whether or not the Air Force was right for me. They knew that as an 18-year-old man, I still needed parental figures to guide me. I still needed brotherly models to share camaraderie. I still needed to call someplace home even while away from the home I knew before.

I'm a long way from being 18 years old, but I am always touched by the thoughtfulness of my Air Force family. While on a remote tour in Kuwait a few years ago, I spent the holiday season in the middle of the DMZ with a small group

of officers from six different nations. I was the only one who received a package from my military family. Shortly after arriving here last year, my wife gave birth to our first child. We were overwhelmed by the kindness of our new family members here at Laughlin, many of whom we had not yet met, who showered us with congratulations, gifts, and helpful deeds as we adjusted to our new addition.

This sense of family is now so deeply ingrained into my thought process that sometimes I forget that it is new to some of us. Occasionally when we invite an Air Force member to spend the holidays or extend some unexpected kindness, I get the same quizzical "what's up with that" look that I must have given others years ago. That's a reminder to me of my responsibility to continue to educate our young people on the value of the Air Force family.

Laughlin Air Force Base offers abundant opportunities to spread this message to our high population of first-termers. These opportunities present themselves, not just on the holidays, but everyday. It doesn't require us to have a supervisory relationship or even be in the same unit as the other member. It just requires us to think about what the Air Force family has meant to us.

The Air Force family is a way of life that we should proudly pass on to the next generation of Air Force leaders.

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Col. Dan Woodward  
47th Flying Training Wing commander

### Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate. If your question relates to the

general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved. Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions. Below are some useful telephone numbers to that may be helpful when working your issue with a base agency.

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Civilian Personnel	298-5299
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Information line	298-5201
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Public Affairs	298-5988
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## Out-of-shape officer becomes Ironman by embracing fitness

By Maj. Matthew Mangan  
355th Maintenance Operations Squadron

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (8/8/2003) — Almost one year ago, I stumbled across the finish line of Ironman Korea, a 140-mile-long triathlon. Crossing that threshold was the high-water mark of a great personal journey. While traveling to that point, I was fortunate to learn a few simple and universal lessons. The first, hardest and most important lesson is we must maintain balance in our lives. Life has built-in warning signs when we are getting out of balance. When we ignore these signs, life has a way of correcting the out-of-balance situation whether we want it to or not. In training to run 26 miles immediately after a 112-mile bike ride and a 2.4-mile swim, there is a huge temptation to run ridiculous amounts every day to get ready. Wise runners

know they must balance training with rest and rebuilding time. If we ignore this strategy, twinges and pains will occur warning us to come back into balance. Ignoring these warning signs will result in overuse injury, which can wipe out weeks of training benefits. In our work areas and home lives, if we concentrate too much on one area to the detriment of others, or attempt to carry alone a load we should share, life will provide us warning signs. Arguments with our loved ones, changes in personality, constant fatigue, forgetfulness and clumsiness should be recognized as warning signs to be heeded before we hurt those close to us, our co-workers or ourselves. Often, we are blind to our own warning signs and need to rely on those around us to point them out. We must all be on alert to the symptoms of being out of balance and take care of one another. Lesson two is we are all capable of so much more than we believe. The way to reach seemingly impossible goals is simply one step at a time. Five years ago, I was 40



Courtesy photo  
Maj. Matthew Mangan poses after finishing Ironman Korea 2002, a 140-mile triathlon.

pounds overweight and closer to a heart attack than the finish line of any race. I vowed to start taking steps to reverse my sorry state and started with the modest goal of riding my bike home from work one day. Accomplishing that first goal set up the accomplishment of incrementally greater goals —

riding once a week, riding every day, starting to run and soon, looping the flight line. Each goal was built on the foundations of those previous goals and each was just slightly more ambitious than the last. Over the course of four years, I went from an “average Joe” who got winded on the way to the fridge to an “average Joe” who was able to move continuously for 13-plus hours. Anybody can do it with a little persistence and constant incremental progress. Set goals and enjoy each small accomplishment just as much as the big final goals. Which brings up my final lesson — living life is its own reward. Enjoying each day and the challenges met and overcome is what it's all about. The incredible joy of watching a sunrise on a morning run or the satisfaction in a job well done are feelings better experienced than described. Every day we see and accomplish hundreds of fantastic things. Take a second to enjoy these jewels, and then turn that energy toward your next goal or challenge. (AFPS, Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

## Town Hall, from page 1

discussed the home schooling option, and reported findings from the educational survey.

The colonel then outlined his three-pronged plan to address parental concerns.

First, the colonel's plan called for base officials to gather concrete data to be categorized into large substantive issues for action. The base has already compiled information obtained from 73 survey responses and will merge these findings with comments received during the town hall meeting.

The colonel reported during the town hall that in the surveys, parents were concerned with safety. In addition, parents indicated they didn't want their children to be bullied; be unsupervised while waiting for a bus; be involved in gangs, drugs and violence; or be allowed to leave school premises with adults lacking authority or identification, he said. In addition, parents indicated through the surveys that they expect teachers to be adequately trained, to discipline children when necessary, to take interest in solving problems, to keep parents informed, and for school officials to resolve several academic and educator issues, including policy.

If the school has a policy that is not being enforced, Colonel Woodward said, "It is irrelevant. The policies have to be established for a reason and then they need to be enforced."

Also during the town hall Tuesday the colonel listened closely and notes were taken. More than 20 issues were raised by parents, including such topics as child safety and security, poor school conditions, high teacher to student ratios, and the showing of unapproved movies in the classroom.

Colonel Woodward said he thought that the issues brought up were all relevant and required attention, which brings up the second prong of the colonel's plan. It entails forming a "tiger team," led by Col. Keith Traster, 47th FTW vice commander, to work with the local school district on each topic of concern. The team is required to report its work to the base's Community Action Information Board, which is chaired by Colonel Woodward.

Colonel Woodward explained that the CAIB has the power to raise issues that can't be resolved locally upward to the Air Education and Training Command and even Air Force levels for possible resolution.

"If we run into something that is a road block,



Photo by Master Sgt. Lee Roberts

**Kristy Smith, wife of Master Sgt. David Smith, Mission Support Group first sergeant, expresses concerns about the Del Rio School District with Col. Dan Woodward, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, during a town hall meeting Tuesday.**

we can ship it up to the command and ask them to help us with it," Col. Woodward said. "They are thirsty for that sort of thing and that is what we will use if in fact we can't resolve it at our level."

The bottom line, the colonel added, is communities are healthier when they have good schools. This will happen here, Colonel Woodward said, because the tiger team will sink its teeth into the issues in conjunction with the Community Action Information Board.

So how will people know the issues are being addressed? This is answered in the third and final prong of the colonel's plan. It involves providing feedback to the Laughlin community on the status of the issues being worked by the tiger team.

"The last issue of the *Border Eagle* each month will include an education section that provides you an update," Colonel Woodward said. "Use the *Border Eagle* to get the concrete stuff – an update on the tiger team's actions and where we're going with specific issues and what we've done that month. And when we close it out we'll tell you, and maybe we'll have another town hall meeting to get you more feedback on how we did."

This town hall lasted nearly three hours, which included lots of dialogue between the wing commander and Laughlin parents. The information exchange seemed to encourage a lot of people in

the audience, including Elizabeth Moynihan, wife of Maj. Stephen Moynihan, a quality assurance officer assigned to the 47th Operations Support Squadron.

She said, "Any effort to improve things can only help. I'm cautiously optimistic that any organized effort to pressure the school district to change should help."

With parental participation and the tiger team working the issues, Col. Woodward said he believes children will have a real positive experience in the local schools. And, he said, he will do his very best to work on the issues and use the resources at his disposal to come up with resolutions and to affect positive change.

"I appreciate the genuine feedback we got tonight," he concluded. "I think it was all very good and helps supplement what we learned from the surveys already, and it will all help in trying to resolve problems."

"There are definitely issues and there are a lot of them out there. We're going to apply as much pressure as necessary to get people to listen to us, and we're going to work through these problems and try to make this district a better one," said Colonel Woodward.

**(Editor's note: For additional educational information, go to [www.texashope.com](http://www.texashope.com), [www.thsc.org](http://www.thsc.org), and [www.tea.state.tx.us/home.school/index.html](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/home.school/index.html).)**





# Graduation

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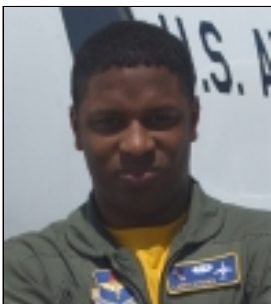
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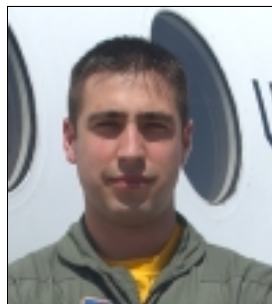
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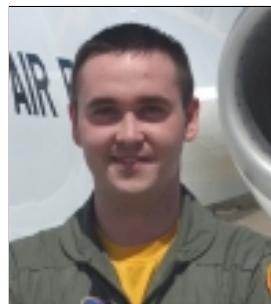
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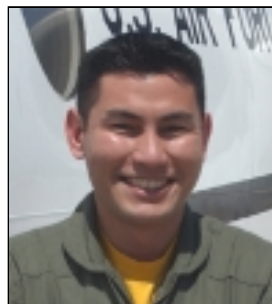
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T-38  
Laughlin AFB

# Air Force confirms Laughlin airmen earn new stripes, bars

## New staff sergeants

The Air Force released the staff sergeant promotion list Wednesday. Congratulations to the following Laughlin senior airmen selected for promotion:

### 47th Flying Training Wing

- Aimee N. Miller
- Heather I. Sanders

### 47th Operational Support Squadron

- Scott W. Fooshee
- Joseph A. Hale
- Kevin M. Nelson
- Annika M. Preciado
- Dianna S. Smith

- Teddy Valdes
- Kathleen Williams

### 47th Medical Operations Squadron

- Bassie A. Bone
- Tracey M. Smith

### 47th Medical Support Squadron

- Heinzl Jno-Baptiste
- Eloy Fernandez-Gonzalez

### 47th Security Forces Squadron

- Joshua R. Aston
- Ronnie G. Garcia
- Stacy L. Kelley
- Rodney K. Kizzia

### 47th Communications Squadron

- Michael J. Brown
- Matthew R. Reyes
- Billy E. West

### 47th Mission Support Group

- Carrie A. Staugler

### 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

- Deborah J. Garza
- Becky N. Hale

### 47th Civil Engineering Squadron

- Ray C. Dunklin Jr.
- Jeremy R. Wray

### 47th Contracting Squadron

- Wesley R. Ransom

### 86th Flying Training Squadron

- Loretta A. Yabut

The Air Force selected 13,651 senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant out of 27, 416 eligible, a 49.79 percent selection rate. Within the Air Education and Training Command, 1,453 were selected for promotion out of 2,944 eligible, a 49.35 selection rate. At Laughlin, 29 were selected out of 60 eligible, a 48.33 percent selection rate.

## New captains selected

Also, the Air Force recently released the captain promotion list. Congratulations to the fol-

lowing Laughlin first lieutenants selected for promotion:

### 47th Flying Training Wing

- Chaplain Alex F. Jack

### 47th Contracting Squadron

- Shamaar A. Bowlby

### 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

- Yufang Zhang

### 85th Flying Training Squadron

- James A. Ladd

- Damien V. Ludwick

### 86th Flying Training Squadron

- John A. Johnson Jr.

### 87th Flying Training Squadron

- Rachael M. Platz

### 47th Operations Support Squadron

- Bradley L. Brandt (gain)

- Christopher Connolly (gain)

- Michael J. Mellot (gain)

- Michael R. Steele (gain)

The Air Force selected 815 first lieutenants in the promotion zone for promotion to captain out of 819 eligible, a 99.5 percent selection rate. Within the Air Education and Training Command, 689 were selected for promotion out of 692 eligible, a 99.6 selection rate. At Laughlin, eight were selected out of eight eligible, a 100 percent selection rate.



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# New commander leads 85th FTS

Team XL recently welcomed a new squadron commander to the 85th Flying Training Squadron.

**Lt. Col. Steven G. Moore**

**Hometown:** Belmont, Calif.  
**Time in service:** 19 years  
**Education:** Bachelor’s in Business Administration from California State University of Sacramento, Master of Aeronautical Science from Embry



**Lt. Col. Moore**

Riddle Aeronautical University  
**Previous assignments:** Mather Air Force Base, Calif.; Plattsburgh AFB, New York; Sheppard AFB, Texas; Soesterber Air Base, Netherlands; Eglin AFB, Fla.; Ramstein AB, Germany; Mountain Home, Idaho  
**Leadership philosophy:** Lead by example and take care of your people  
**Personal hero:** My parents  
**Hobbies:** Coaching my kids

## Fuels, from page 1

els problem, the main mission of this base would shut down.”

A project currently in the development stages includes a new fuel system that will keep all fuel trucks in the flight line area and off the main-entry road. Other projects in the approval stages include upgrades to fuels systems in the bulk storage yard to match the newer systems, repainting fuel tanks and a decorative wall and security system around the fuel tanks to improve the appearance of the base.

In addition, the Air Force recently mandated two alternative types of fuel products to comply with the

Energy Policy Act of 1992. The new fuel grades are Bio-Diesel (B-20) and Ethanol (E-85) that will require two additional fuel tanks located at the military service station.

While this is a future Air Force plan, most bases are making plans for the new fuel with assistance from DESC.

“The visitors received knowledge of the mission by touring the flight line directly seeing the amount of aircraft overhead and how many fuel trucks were servicing these aircraft,” said Sergeant Busch. “We hope the visit here from DESC will help pave the road to better infrastructure supporting Laughlin’s enormous flying mission.”

# Newsline

## Helicopter flyover

A helicopter is scheduled to fly over Laughlin at about 400 feet performing a base survey Saturday and Sunday.

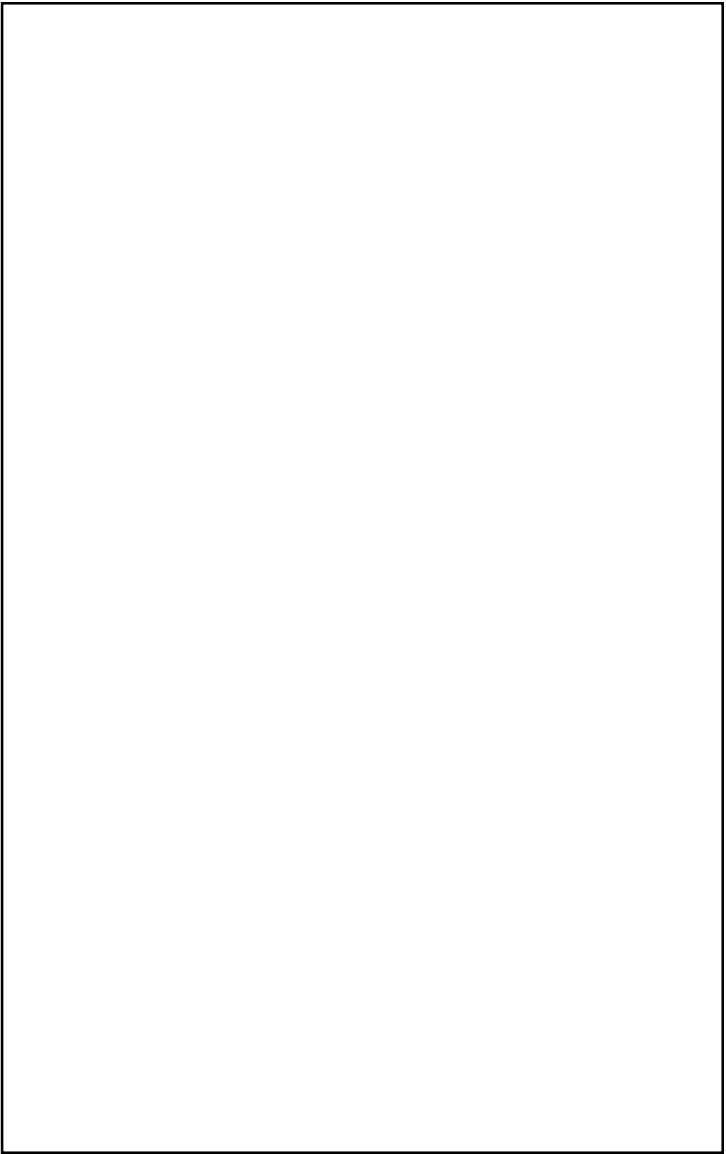
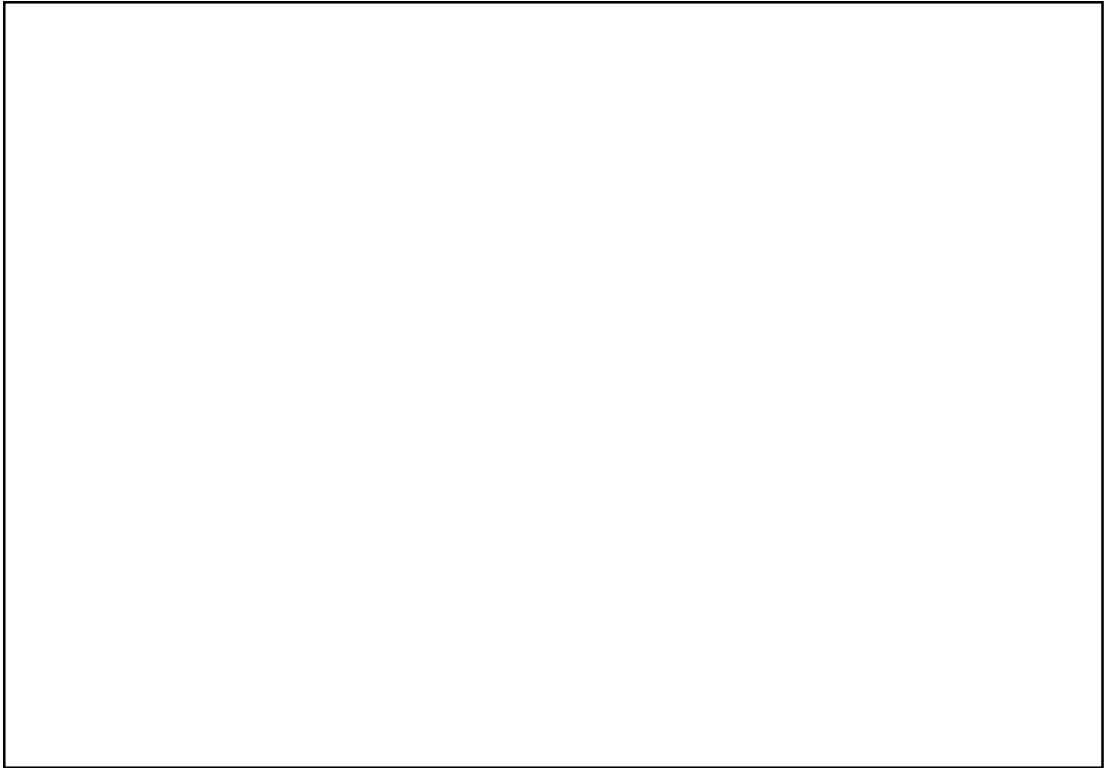
The information collected will support setting up one map for use in all base planning and operations.

## Business seminar

Active-duty military members, spouses, veterans and civilian employees interested in starting a business are invited to attend the business seminar 2 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Family Support Center conference room.

A Small Business Development Center representative will explain the basics involved with starting a business.

Make reservations by Aug. 22 at 298-5620.





# Engine repair teams k

(Editors note: This is the third of a five part series on base contractors)

By Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Timothy J. Stein  
Editor

Most Air Force pilots would probably agree that when a jet engine malfunctions, life itself could hang in the balance. Maintenance crews here at Laughlin's Engine Regional Repair Facility know all too well the ramifications of shoddy repairs, and they always approach jet engine maintenance with the safety of aircrews in mind.

More than 150 employees work at Lear Siegler Services Inc., a team of professionals that tears down, repairs and reconstructs T-37 Tweet J69 and T-38 Talon J85 engines for Laughlin aircraft, as well as jets stationed at Vance AFB, Okla.,

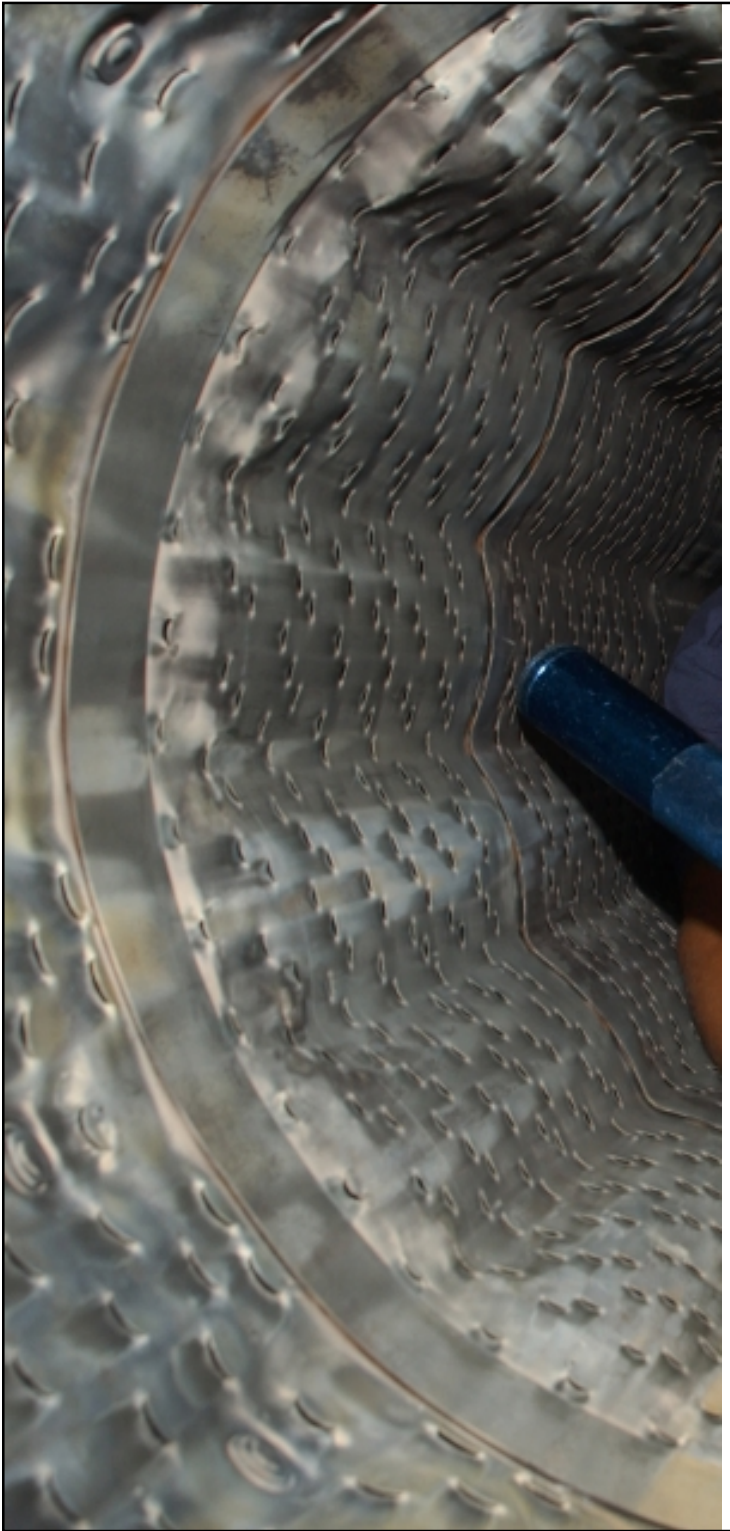
Sheppard and Randolph AFB, Texas. "It is a large operation," said Bob Bishop, LSI contract manager. "What is nice about being contracted out is that it allows military people to focus more on military issues. I think our guys do feel pride in helping out the military."

Of the 750 engines the center will service this year, most are in for routine maintenance, said Mr. Bishop. "Each engine has to be completely taken apart and rebuilt after they have flown so many hours," he said. "During these scheduled repairs, every part is inspected. If the part is broken it is either repaired or replaced. The whole process takes about a month."

When engines from the other bases break down or are up for mandatory repairs, they are crated up and shipped to the ERRC. According to officials at the repair facility, engines received from other bases make up a majority of the workload, while Laughlin engines only account for 25 to 30 percent of all repaired.

The ERRC also takes care of unscheduled engine maintenance. "Sometimes engines just break down," said Mr. Bishop. "They get sent here when they do. Sometimes it is a minor thing we can fix right away; sometimes we have to take the whole engine apart to find out what is wrong with it."

Laughlin was chosen to have the repair center after a base realignment and closure study was conducted in 1996, said Sylvia Garza, 47th Contracting Squadron contracting officer. The government concluded that it would be cheaper to have one central location for engine repair instead of each base having its own



Jet engine mechanic Jill Thomas inspects a T-38

shop. She said Air Force awarded LSI the contract and the company has been doing the job ever since.

LSI has been performing superbly at the engine repair facility, said Ms. Garza. "They

(Left) James Campbell installs a diffuser flange onto a J69 engine Tuesday.



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# now ‘life itself’ hangs



T-38 Talon’s J85 engine liner for cracks Tuesday.

an excellent contractor. The quality of  
ir work is superior.”  
Ms. Garza also points out that several  
es LSI has saved the base and the Air  
rce money. In 2002, LSI generated 123  
ficiency Reports with the potential to  
laim almost \$1.8 million in operations and  
intenance. A deficiency report, explained

Ms. Garza, is basically the contractor finding  
faulty engine parts before they are installed in  
the engine. LSI also made serviceable and  
returned to supply 104 variable engine nozzles  
that control air and fuel flow to the engine.  
This saved Laughlin \$725,000.  
“We are always looking for way to im-  
prove our processes,” said Mr. Bishop. LSI



*Photos by Master Sgt. Lee Roberts*  
**Jacob Flores (Left) and Gerardo Garza transfer a  
T37 Tweet’s J-69 jet engine Tuesday from a mainte-  
nance stand to another with wheels.**



**Francisco Lincon disassembles a T-38  
Talon’s J85 engine gear box Tuesday at  
Laughlin’s Engine Regional Repair Fa-  
cility.**

also saved the base \$3,000 by designing and  
building its own portable welder. “The  
welder looks like it was made professionally,”  
he added.  
Base officials speak well of LSI for  
improving customer service and processes at  
the ERRC, and foremost for keeping planes in  
the air at Laughlin and at other bases.



# Chapel Schedule

**Catholic**

- Saturday ● 5 p.m., Mass
- Sunday ● 9:30 a.m., Mass
- Thursday ● 6 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Rite of Christian Initiation
- Reconciliation ● By appointment
- Religious Education ● 11 a.m. Sunday

**Jewish, Muslim and other denominations**

- Call 298-5111

**Nondenominational**

- Sunday ● 6 p.m. Officer Christian Fellowship, call 298-2238
- Friday ● 7 p.m., Unity in Community Fellowship

**Protestant**

- Sunday ● 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday school
- 11 a.m., General worship
- Wednesday ● 7 p.m., Choir

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.

## The XLer

Senior Airman Carrie Staugler  
47th Mission Support Group workgroup manager

**Hometown:** Fort Recovery, Ohio  
**Family:** Mom, Kathy; dad, Paul; brother, Jeff; sister, Amy; brother-in-law, Jason; fish, Boon-doggle and Masta  
**Time at Laughlin:** One year, 10 months  
**Time in service:** Two years, six months  
**Greatest accomplishments:** Making staff on my first try  
**Hobbies:** Watching television and dying my hair  
**Bad habits:** Smoking  
**Favorite movie:** The Breakfast Club  
**If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why?** My mom, she's my best friend. It's always better to spend time with her in person than talking to her on the phone.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Yvonne Clark



### Scouts honor ...

(From left) Eric and James McGaliard, both 15, sons of Roger McGaliard, 47th Civil Engineer Flight, and Christopher Moynihan, 14, son of Maj. Stephen Moynihan, 47th Operations Support Squadron, trim a mesquite tree on the Laughlin nature trail Aug. 9. Eric coordinated the mesquite clean up as part of an eagle scout project with the Boy Scouts of America. The boys have trimmed approximately 100 trees. The project is scheduled to be finished next spring. Laughlin children interested in joining the boy scouts may contact Tech. Sgt. David Drotts at 298-5995. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Yvonne Clark)





Photos by Master Sgt. Lee Roberts

**47th Civil Engineer Squadron third baseman Daniel Ruhl dings a double in the first inning of the team's playoff game Monday versus the 47th Operations Support Squadron.**

## CES sticks it to OSS, 10-9

**By Master Sgt. Lee Roberts**  
*Special to 47th FTW Public Affairs*

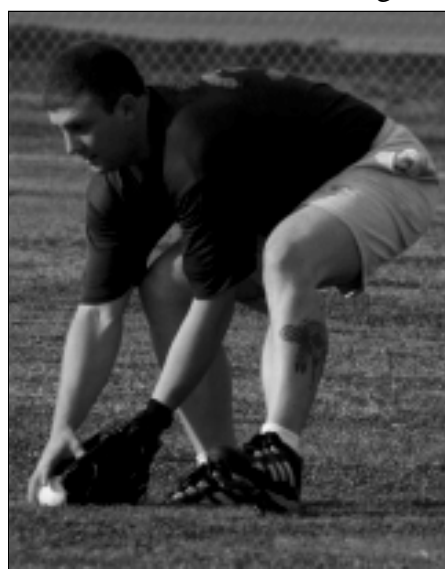
**T**he 47th Civil Engineer Squadron softball team found itself down, 8-3, in the fifth inning of Monday's playoff opener, yet still managed to "stick it" to their opponent.

CES scored six quick runs in the bottom of the same inning to take a one run lead over the 47th Operations Support Squadron. Nonetheless the OSS team composed itself in the top of the sixth inning when it scored one and tied it up. The game clock then ran out forcing OSS to hold CES scoreless in the bottom of the inning to continue play.

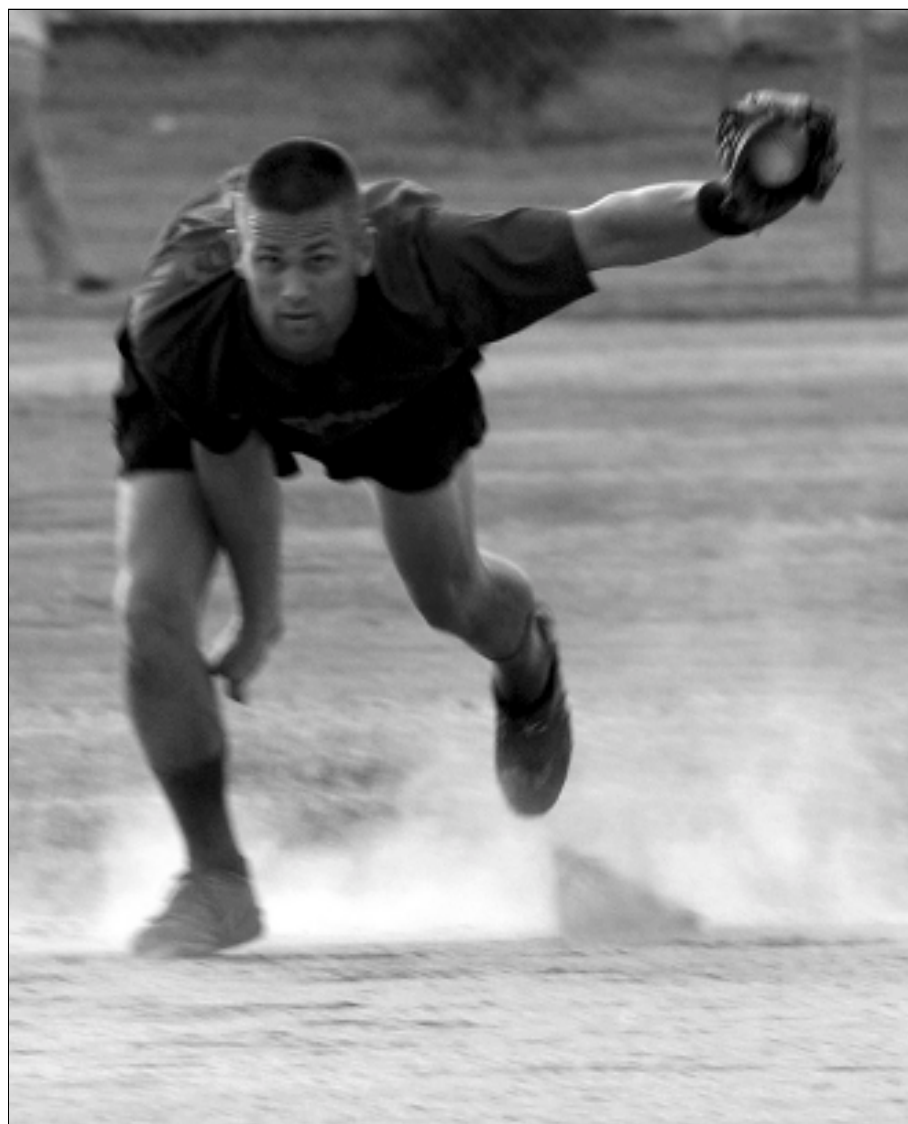
Extra innings weren't in the cards, however, as OSS first baseman Javier Cardanes led off the bottom of the sixth with a base hit. Catcher Craig Wilgus then reached base on a fielder's choice. Designated hitter Nate Olsen reached on an error. That set the stage for left

fielder Les McCracken, who produced the game-winning single. Wilgus reached home and CES secured its playoff opener over OSS, 10-9.

In its big fifth inning, Wilgus started the OSS rally with a walk. Olsen followed with a single and McCracken walked loading the



**OSS right fielder "Q" Anderson fields the ball during the first inning of Monday's playoff game. OSS lost 10-9 in a close game with CES.**



**OSS shortstop Mike Mellott makes an incredible play on a line drive to hold CES scoreless in the second inning.**

bases for third baseman Daniel Ruhl, who didn't disappoint. Ruhl hit a ground-rule double scoring Wilgus and Olsen. Pitcher and team coach Craig Alexander supplied another double to plate McCracken and Ruhl. Shortstop Mark Johnson continued the barrage with a one-out triple, scoring Alexander. Second baseman Matt Kumlin immediately knocked another triple scoring Johnson. Kumlin was eventually stranded at third, but not before the team tallied six runs.

After the game Alexander said the CES team was fortunate to come back and put its first playoff game in the win column. "We played a really good team tonight," he said. "We had a winning attitude and we didn't quit. It was a great game to have been a part of. I

expect we may see OSS again before the playoffs are finished."

Dogan Kilich, OSS coach, said his team had CES with its back against the wall. "But we blew it, mainly on two walks in their big inning. We've been hitting real well, but tonight we just couldn't hit. I guess sometimes with big-game pressure people don't hit as well."

Kilich said OSS has a long road ahead in the loser's bracket of the playoffs. Still, he said, "I expect to be there at the end."

Alexander said he's proud of how CES fought back to win, but he recognizes the playoffs have only begun. He said the team plans to focus one game at a time, and hopefully their sticks will come to life like they did in the fifth inning Monday.

## Community Calendar

15  
FRI

The Upstagers present "Jekyll & Hyde - the Musical" 8 p.m. today, Saturday, Aug. 22 and 23 at the Paul Poag Theatre. Tickets available at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call 298-5897.

**Karaoke** will be held 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. tonight at Club Amistad. For more information, call 298-5346.

Registration for **dog-obedience class** is available at the Fiesta Community Center. The class is scheduled to begin Sept. 5. Dogs must be at least six weeks old. For more information, call 298-5474.

**Karaoke** is scheduled to be held 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. tonight at Club Amistad. For more information, call 298-5374.

16  
SAT

**"Chicago"** is scheduled to show 1 p.m. Saturday at the base theater. For more information, call 298-5526.

17  
SUN

**Sunday Brunch** will be held 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Club XL. Enjoy a variety of breakfast and lunch items.

Cost is \$7.95 with Members First discount. Cost for children 5-12 years old is \$4.95 and children 4 and under eat free. For more information, call 298-5374.

18  
MON

The Family Support Center has a **parent/child playgroup** 10 a.m. to noon every Monday at the Fiesta Center.

For more information, call 298-5620.

**The Del Rio Council for the Arts** offers a variety of local art exhibitions, guided tours and art classes at the Firehouse, 120 E. Garfield. Hours are 9 a.m.-5:30

p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 775-0888.

A **massage therapist** is available 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Fiesta Community Center. For more information, call 734-5435.

**Bingo** will be held 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Club Amistad. For more information, call 298-5374.

**Social hour** will be held 7-9 p.m. Monday-Friday at Club Amistad. For more information, call 298-5374.

19  
TUES

**Whitehead Memorial Museum** is open 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Enjoy 20 exhibits in an open-air museum. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information or directions, call 774-7568.

20  
WED

**"Daredevil"** is scheduled to show 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the base theater. For more information, call 298-5526.

A **tour of Del Rio** is scheduled to be held Wednesday. All interested individuals must R.S.V.P. by Monday with the Family Support Center. For more information, call 298-5620.

A **back to school bash** is scheduled to be held 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Friendship Pool. A \$2.50 hamburger meal is offered. For more information, call 298-5474.

**Aqua aerobics** classes are available 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Friendship Pool. For more information, call 298-4194.

Cactus Lanes has **Family Cosmic Night** 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays. Bowl for \$1 per person and receive free shoe rental. For more information, call 298-5526.

**Fate Bell Cave Dwelling tours** are held 10 a.m. Wednesday-Sunday at the Seminole Canyon State

Historical Park in Comstock, Texas. Cost is \$3 per adult and \$1 for children. For more information, call (915) 292-4464.

21  
THUR

**Steak Night** is offered 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Club XL. Enjoy an eight-ounce New York or charbroiled smoked chicken breast and side dishes. Cost is \$7.50 with Members First discount. For more information, call 298-5374.

Leaning Pine Golf Course is having **twilight golf tournaments** at 5 p.m. Thursdays. The tournament format is four-person best ball with an entry fee of \$7 plus green and cart fees. The pro shop is also offering 25 percent off all shirts throughout August. For more information, call 298-5451.

**"The Hunted"** is scheduled to show 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the base theater. For more information, call 298-5526.

The Fiesta Center is accepting registration for fall **conversational Spanish classes**. Classes are held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 18 - Nov. 1. Cost is \$40. For more information, call 298-5474.

22  
FRI

A **blind-draw tournament** is scheduled to be held 7 p.m. Aug. 22 at Club Amistad. First, second and third prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 298-5374

An **all-nighter** is scheduled to be held with disc-jockey entertainment 9:30 p.m. - 3:30 a.m. Aug. 22 at Club Amistad. For more information, call 298-5374.

27  
WED

A **quarterly birthday meal** is scheduled 5-7 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Chaparral Dining Facility. The meal is

for Subsistence in Kind and Basic Allowance for Subsistence customers only and two guests.

## Events briefs

### Park offers

Outdoor recreation is offering discounted tickets to Six Flags Fiesta Texas, Sea World and Schlitterbahn.

Prices range from \$20-\$37. All sales are final.

For more information, call 298-5830.

### Boat specials

Southwinds Marina is offering boat specials each Sunday throughout August.

Rent a boat for four or more hours and pay half price.

For more information, call 775-7800.

### Football frenzy

Club members are invited to watch weekday and weekend games at Club XL and Club Amistad.

Members have the opportunity to win a trip to a regular season NFL game, the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl by entering prizes at Club Amistad and Club XL.

For more information, call 298-5134.

### Lawn service

Outdoor recreation is offering lawn care service for base personnel Monday through Thursday.

Service includes mowing, edging and weed eating. Prices vary depending on housing unit. Lawn equipment is also available for rent.

For more information, call 298-5830.

Community Calendar advertisements are accepted for base and community functions. E-mail submissions by 4:30 Thursday, one week prior to publication to [timothy.stein@laughlin.af.mil](mailto:timothy.stein@laughlin.af.mil) or [yvonne.clark@laughlin.af.mil](mailto:yvonne.clark@laughlin.af.mil).